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1. CU/EE DIRECTOR INFORMED KASSOF, PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW, OF SOVIET REQUEST THAT US SIDE AVOID DUPLICATE APPLICATIONS OF US STUDENTS UNDER BOTH IREX AND IIE PROGRAMS. KASSOF RESPONSE WAS NON-COMMITTAL.
2. HOWEVER, A REVIEW OF THE IREX CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR POSSIBLE NOMINATION TO THE SOVIETS THIS YEAR DOES NOT INDICATE ANY APPLICANTS FOR PLACEMENT IN MINCULT INSTITUTIONS. PROBLEM THEREFORE MAY NOT ARISE AGAIN THIS YEAR. IN SEEKING LONG-TERM SOLUTION SUGGEST EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH KASSOF IN MOSCOW AND REINFORCE DEPT'S EFFORTS.
3. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH IIE RE NOMINATIONS, WE HAVE EMPHASIZED THAT ITS NOMINEES SHOULD BE PRACTITIONERS RATHER THAN SCHOLARS. IIE INFORMS IT WILL BE FORWARDING LIST OF NOMINEES FOR DEPT AND BFS CONSIDERATION WITHIN WEEK. WE WILL TRANSMIT COPIES TO EMBASSY UPON RECEIPT. KISSINGER

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